
Title: The Black Necklace I

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This is a story I've worked on for over four years to this point. It started when I first heard that the Liche Juo'Nar bore a black necklace that gave him powers over death, both his own and his undead legions.

This neclace brought to mind other neclaces in other stories of past events, and my four year search had started. Through old tomes and archives I poured my efforts, ever watching current events as they unfold. New witness to new things only added to my certainty, but I didn't have enough to convince you, fellow Britanniains, that what I suspected could be true. Nae, even I had changed my suspicions often as I found subtle hints, read the past thoughts of other adventurers, and discovered new writtings of historic importance.

Until recently.

This is Minax wearing the necklace called "Mondains Embrace", just before it was taken from her recently by Odric. I ask you to keep this necklace, gold with a

black center, in mind,
because this is what it's
all about.

But I must caution
you, some of this is
reaching towards
speculation. There is
enough, however, to show
that something is
definitely involved in all
of this. As I set out
this story before you, I
think you will see that
this is almost certainly
the way of it.

When it began

It was ancient times,
in a stronghold outside of
time, where the would be
overlord of all of
Sosaria, he who in fact
would be such in his own
time, worked an arcane
magic on a ruby of
surpassing power, the
Gem of Immortality. The
would be ruler was binding
this gem to himself to
make him what he would
become. This magic would
turn the Ruby Gem of
Immortality black, and give
Mondain unequalled power.

Evidence Link

"Mondain was using his
father's gem against
itself to produce a black
jewel that would render
him and his evil immortal."
The Stranger enters, just
before the conclusion of
the spell of binding, and
defeats Mondain by first
shattering the Gem of
Immortality and then the
would be overlord himself.
It is widely held that this
was the end to the would

be overlord, and the
beginning of the many
shards created when the
Gem of Immortality was
shattered, the beginning
of our own time. But
was it quite that way?
He reached! For what, I
ask ye? Did the spell of
binding truely not be
cast in conclusion? Or did
Mondain finish the
casting, on but a single
shard, a sequence
repeated within each
shard of the shattering?

All we have had, until
now, were scattered
shards and the Relics of
Mondain to bear witness
to this event. These
relics are said to still
hold power within them,
held over from the power
infused in the living body
of the would be overlord,
through the power of the
Gem.

Evidence Link

(Look down to "Relics of
Mondain")

"Mondain, the evil wizard,
was slain. But some of
his body parts were kept
as relics, and they
probably still contain
magical energy."

Unearthed in the Hands
of Twins

They were Lathiari and
Kyrnia, twins born with
surpassing skill in the
arcane. Their desire to
keep their mother from
death led them on a
failed journey through the
study of magics and lore.
Failed, that is, untill
after their mothers
death, untill the discovery
of a "missing element" to
their necklace of life

preserving which they
hoped would restore life
to their dead mother.

But the life restored was
not life, but unlife, and
their mother cursed them
and demanded an end to
her unlife state. They cut
her up and burnt the
pieces. What became of
this necklace in unknown
to me.

However, they kept their
mothers eyes, fashioning
new neclaces that each
of the twins would wear.
They themselves then
became liches through
their mothers curse as
the ages passed, perhaps
due to the magics
instilled in their mothers
form, through her eyes,
from this "missing
element", just as
Mondains form still held
power.

What was this "missing
element"? Was it
Shrinestone, or it's
corrupted version known
as Blackrock? Or was it
some other artifact,
perhaps created at the
shattering of the Gem?

Evidence Link

"they were trying to find
a way of infusing an
amulet with energies that
would magically protect
the wearer from physical
harm."

"Until a humid summer
night, when they happened
upon what they believed
was the missing element."

"With a voice worn rough
through years of silence
she said, "My body...my
life...thou hath returned
none of these things to
me...thine pathetic

magicks have rendered me
thus...a crippled vessel of
passions long faded...a
pain that every section
of my body screams...a
death, desperate to
reclaim me...how dare
thee interrupt such
blissful sleep with this
mockery of form...thou
wilt never taste the
glories thine hearts hath
dreamt...mine power is
ereby resolved to see you
cursed...forbidden to walk
amongst others...feared,
and hated." "

"They cut their mother
into many pieces, and
burned all of them, save
the eyes, which they had
fashioned into necklaces
they wear to this day."

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Underworld Dragons
Notable Ultima

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